

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:232

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INDO US AGREEMENT FOR CONSUMER SAFETY

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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of United States to improve consumer safety;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which this would help Indian exporters gain greater acceptability in US market;
- (d) whether any guidelines have been set under the said MoU regarding the consumer products being traded between the two countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed on 12-1-2006 at Washington D.C. by the Department of Consumer Affairs, on behalf of the Government of India with the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), on behalf of the Federal Government of the United States of America, for cooperation in the area of consumer product safety with the overall objective of protecting and promoting the interests of the consumers. The MoU provide for exchange of information and documents, development of training programs for officials and non-officials, exchange of officials, experts and professionals in the areas of consumer product safety etc.

(c) : The signing of the MoU underscores the commitment of both countries to improve safety of traded consumer products and provides the basis for undertaking cooperative endeavours with a view to enhance the quality and safety of consumer products. It is expected that it would ultimately benefit Indian exporters in gaining greater acceptability in the US market.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.